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5. On 26 January, T-34 tanks [redacted] escorted by 3 motor vehicles, occupied by each 7 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and including a field kitchen, were seen in the town area. Tanks [redacted] were seen on Seckenstrasse, coming from the direction of the Luftnachrichten Kaserne and proceeding toward Koenner. [redacted] the tanks went to the Franzigmark training area.<sup>1</sup>

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1. [redacted] Comment. Training activity at the Lossa troop training grounds which, in summer 1952, had been utilized by the 21st Gds Mecz Div stationed in Halle, started in early January 1953. [redacted] six troop trains went from Halle to the training area and three trains vice versa from 4 January to 3 February 1953. This would account for the low strength estimates [redacted] The train which left Halle on 2 February, according to other information, went to Donndorf [redacted] The train probably carried elements of the 28th Gds Tank Regt of the 21st Gds Mecz Div. The entraining of this unit was observed in Donndorf on 10 February. [redacted] On 13 February, elements of the 54th Gds How Arty Regt of the 21st Gds Mecz Div were entrained. The number of about 30 field howitzers is overestimated as a regiment of this type is assigned not more than 24-x 122-mm guns.

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